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DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT

According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Sunday, 6th/March, through Sunday, 13th/March there were 233 countries active. Countries available: 3A, 3B8, 3B9, 3C, 3D2, 3DA, 3V, 3W, 3X, 4J, 4L, 4O, 4S, 4U1I, 4X, 5A, 5B, 5R, 5T, 5W, 5X, 5Z, 6W, 6Y, 7X, 8P, 8Q, 8R, 9A, 9G, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9M2, 9M6, 9Q, 9V, 9X, 9Y, A2, A3, A4, A6, A7, A9, AP, BV, BY, C2, C3, C5, C6, C9, CE, CE0Y, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, D2, D4, DL, DU, E4, E5/s, E6, E7, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EL, EP, ER, ES, ET, EU, EX, EY, F, FG, FH, FJ, FK, FM, FO, FO/m, FP, FR, FS, FW, FY, G, GD, GI, GJ, GM, GU, GW, H4, HA, HB, HB0, HC, HC8, HH, HI, HK, HK0/a, HL, HP, HR, HS, HV, HZ, I, IS, J3, J6, J7, JA, JT, JW, JY, K, KH0, KH2, KH6, KL, KP2, KP4, LA, LU, LX, LY, LZ, OA, OD, OE, OH, OH0, OK, OM, ON, OX, OY, OZ, P2, P4, PA, PJ2, PJ4, PJ7, PY, PY0F, PZ, S0, S2, S5, S7, S9, SM, SP, ST, SU, SV, SV5, SV9, T32, T7, T8, TA, TF, TG, TI, TK, TN, TR, TT, TU, TY, TZ, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V2, V3, V4, V5, V6, V7, V8, VE, VK, VP2E, VP2M, VP2V, VP5, VP8, VP8/h, VP9, VR, VU, XE, XU, YA, YB, YI, YL, YN, YO, YS, YU, YV, Z2, Z3, ZA, ZB, ZD7, ZD8, ZF, ZL, ZP, ZS

PLEASE NOTE: The report "could" contain "Pirate/SLIM" operations or more likely a "BUSTED CALLSIGN". As always, you never know - "Work First Worry Later".

3D2, FIJI

Aki, JA1NLX, will once again be active as 3D2YA from Mana Island (OC-121) sometime in October or November. He was there in 2008 and 2009. Activity will be on 40-10 meters using CW (only during the first half of his operation), SSB and the Digital modes. Suggested frequencies are:
CW - 7015, 10115, 14040, 18085, 21040, 24905 and 28040 kHz
SSB - 14260, 18125, 21260, 24950 and 28460 kHz

His equipment will be an IC-7000 w/100W into a Bravo 5 1/2 wave vertical Dipole and HFp Vertical. QSL via JA1NLX, direct w/SASE (2 USDs) or OQRS (Direct [3 USDs] or Bureau). Do not send IRCs. Do not send your QSL via the Bureau (not a JARL member). He will send you QSL via the Bureau from GlobalQSL only if you request OQRS Bureau. LoTW and Online Log will be available when he returns home -- unless he has a good internet connection on the island. Daily updates may be uploaded on the following Blog page, if internet is available in the island:

http://ja1nlx-aki.blogspot.jp

4W, TIMOR LESTE.

It was announced this past week that operators Tack/JE1CKA, Hide/JI1AVY, Jim/7K4QOK, Yutaka/JQ2GYU and Miho/JJ2VLY will be active from Timor Leste between April 5-11th. Operators will sign 4W/homecall or use a special 4W callsign. Activity will be on 160-10 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. They will participate in the Japan International DX CW Contest [JIDX] (April 9-10th). Non-JA stations are welcome to call them. Look for more details (callsign[s] and QSL info) to be forthcoming.

5E, MOROCCO

Operators Pedro/EA7IZJ, Jorge/EA9LZ, Jiri/OK1RI, YL Nicole/ ON6NM, Petr/OK1FFU, Vaclav/OK1VVT, Karel/OK1JKT and Jim/W7EJ will be active as 5E5E from the CN2R Casablanca contest station during the CQWW WPX SSB Contest (March 26-27th) as a Multi-2 entry. Look for activity to start before the contest on March 16th. QSL via W7EJ. Visit the CN2R Web page at:

http://cn2r.net

8P, BARBADOS (Update)

Charles, 8P6ET, will be active as 8P1W (his new contest callsign) during the CQWW WPX CW Contest (May 28-29th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/Low-Power entry. QSL via KU9C.

8Q, MALDIVES (Reminder)

Noel, F6BGC, will be active as 8Q7NC from Thul- hagiri Island, North Male' Atoll (AS-013), between March 12-22nd. Activity will be holiday style on 40-6 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL direct via his home callsign or LoTW. For more info, see:

http://f8kcf.net
http://f8kcf.free.fr/index.php/the-news/99-8q7nc-2016-en

8Q MALDIVES

Operators YL Helen/RC5A and Yuri/RM0F will be active as 8Q7CA and 8Q7FU, respectively,

from **Maldive Islands (AS-013)** between April 17-30th. Activity will be on 160-6 meters using CW and SSB. QSL via their home callsign, direct, by the Bureau or the OQRS on ClubLog.

9Y, TRINDADE AND TOBAGO

Bill, K2HVN, will be active as 9Y/K2HVN on the Island of Tobago between April 14-26th. Activity will be vacation style operation on 40-10 meters. He informs OPDX, "I will only be on 40m CW and only on 10m and 12m if the bands are open. Will be on CW and SSB on all bands (except 40m SSB)." QSL via his home callsign. Cards are already printed. NO LoTW. See **QRZ.com** for info.

A2, BOTSWANA

Mark, G4RCD, is now active as A25MC from Gabarone until March 16th. He was active in this past weekend's RSGB Commonwealth Contest (BERU). Activity will be limited to his spare time on the HF bands. QSL via his home callsign by the Bureau.

A5, BHUTAN

Nobu, JA0JHQ, will be active as A52NH from Paro Resort between March 17-21st. Activity will be on 80/40/30/20/17/15 meters (possibly 160m depending on the antenna situation) on CW. Operations on SSB will be on 12/10/6 meters (depending on the condition). He plans to use a TS-480HX w/200 watts on HF and 100 watts on 6m. Antennas are a 10m Micro- vertical (160/80/40/30m), Single-Delta-Loop (20/17/15/12/10m) and a LW for 6m. Log will be posted to ClubLog daily. QSL via JA0JHQ, direct, by the Bureau and LoTW (after his return). For more details and updates, see:

http://pandasan.jimdo.com

BP0, TAIWAN

Members of the Amateur Radio Taipei (ART) will be active from Taoyuan as BP0P during the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest (March 26-27th) as a Multi-2 entry. Operators mentioned are: Chang/BM2AAS, Tang/BM2AAV, BM3DHT, Emily/BU2BE, Adam/BU2BF, Zhong/BU2BO, Eddie/BV2DD, Evan/BV2KS, Jie/BV3UB and YaoJun/BV5OO. QSL via BP0P. QSL also OK via ART QSL Service.

CARIBBEAN TOUR

Gerd, DL7VOG, will once again be active as FM/DL7VOG from **Martinique (NA-107)** between May 6th and June 6th. In between these dates, Gerd will also be active as J68GU from **St. Lucia (NA-108)**, May 12-22nd. Activity from both islands will be on 80-6 meters using CW and RTTY. If you need him on SSB, let him know. He will also participate in the CQWW WPX CW Contest (May 28-29th) as FM/DL7VOG. Gert's equipment is an IC-706MK2G into an HF9VX for 80-6m. He will also carry a 500-W-transistor-PA. QSL both callsigns via his home callsign, by the Bureau direct or the OQRS on ClubLog. For more details and possible dates, see:

http://www.dl7vog.de/html/next_plans.html

CQ9, MADEIRA ISLANDS

Members of the CT3 Team will be active as CQ9T from Funchal during the CQWW WPX SSB Contest (March 26-27th) as a Multi-Single/ Low-Power entry. QSL via CT3KN. Operators

mentioned are Ricardo/CT3KN, Daniel/CR9ABH, Xavier/CS9ABC and Nicola/CS9ABE.

CT9, MADEIRA ISLANDS (Reminder)

Operators Hardy/DL3KWF and YL Rosel/DL3KWR are now active again as CT9/DL3KWF and CT9/DL3KWR from **Madeira (AF-014)** until and April 7th. Preferred activity will be on 30/17/12 meters and CW. Equipment is an IC-7000 + AH-4 into a vertical 7m. QSL via their home callsign, direct, by the Bureau (also via E-mail request), eQSL or LoTW. Visit their Madeira page at:

http://www.dl3kwf.com/CT39/CT39-Results-e.htm

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME (DST)

Did you remember to change your clocks? Countries in the Northern Hemisphere (most of N. American and some of the Caribbean) who observe Daylight Saving Time should have changed their clocks on Sunday, March 13th at 2:00 AM, and should have moved their "local clocks" forward 1 hour to 3:00:00 AM local time. Daylight Saving Time will end on Sunday, November 6th at 2:00 AM. European countries will switch to DST on March 27th. For the history and details about DST, as well as an interesting map of the world (showing the countries who observe DST), see:

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Daylight_saving_time
http://www.timeanddate.com/time/dst/2016.html

ADDED NOTES: Hopefully, all amateur radio operators know not to change their GMT/UTC/ZULU clocks. However, since most operators usually set their computers to local time, some may have to change their settings on "some" ham radio software (ex. logging, propagation, DXTelnet, etc..) programs.

FH, MAYOTTE (Reminder)

Operators Pat/F2DX and Jacques/F6BEE will be active as FH/F2DX and FH/F6BEE, respectively from **Mayotte Island (AF-027)** [before joining FT4JA Juan De Nova 2016 DXpedition] between March 18-24th. Activity will be on 40-6 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. They will have two identical stations on the air (Elecraft K3, SPE Expert 1.3 KFA into simple monoband verticals). QSL via their home callsign, LoTW, OQRS, direct or by the Bureau.

FM/TO5, MARTINIQUE

Laurent, FM5BH, will be active as TO972M from **Martinique Island (NA-107)** during the CQWW WPX SSB Contest (March 26-27th) as a Single- Op/All-Band/High-Power entry. QSL TO972M via FM5BH direct.

FS & PJ7, ST. MARTIN AND ST. MAARTEN

Mark, W5LAC, will be active from **Saint Martin** (FS/W5LAC) and **Sint Maarten** PJ7/W5LAC between June 11-25th. No specific dates were mentioned for each island. Both islands are IOTA **NA-105**. Activity will be holiday style on the HF bands. QSL via his home callsign.

FT4JA JUAN DE NOVA DXPEDITION NEWS (March 7th Press Release)

In just 10 days, the first 2 operators (F2DX & F6BEE) will head to Mayotte island. They plan

to be active between March 18th to 24th from 40 to 6m, signing FH/F2DX and FH/F6BEE. Reports are welcome to give us an idea of the pro- pagation, which will be similar on Juan de Nova.

The 8 other operators will join them later. We are filling the suitcases with all the sensitive equipment that has not been shipped on the crates. Each piece is carefully checked.

On the other hand, we are working on the last details. We just released a webpage dedicated to 6m operation which gives all details for TEP and EME contacts tentatives (Earth-Moon-Earth).

Our pilots received a bunch of reports regarding 12 & 17m RTTY fre- quencies. Because it was not our first aim to activate these slots, we have decide not to work RTTY on these bands and keep the focus on 30/20/15m to maximize the number of unique callsigns worked.The band plan has been updated.

On the main page of the website, we just uploaded a short video called "we are ready" **https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z6OlsgpKrgg** with a message to the international amateur radio community. We are preparing a communication about the QSL and logs. These infor- mations will be published on the website before our departure.

Get ready ! FT4JA Juan de Nova 2016 Expedition

HG0WFF, HUNGARY (WFF Op)

Members of the Regionalis Radios Sportklub Puspokladany will activate the Szatmár-Beregi Natura Reserves (HAFF-011) [newly renumbered HAFF-0011] as HG0WFF, and the operators will also sign as homecalls/p between March 13-15th. Operators mentioned are Pista/HA0DI, Zoli/HA0DX, Babor/HA0GB, Laci/HA0HW, Istvan/HA0KA (team leader), Laci/HA0LD, Toni/HA0LG and Fero/HA8MT. Activity will be on all HF bands using CW, SSB and the Digital modes. They will have several stations on at the same time using 100 watts radios and simple portable antennas (wire verticals, and dipoles). QSL HG0WFF via HA0HW, by ClubLog's OQRS or by the Bureau. All others via their home callsigns.

IOTA NEWS

AF-010. Kenneth, LA7GIA, is now active as 3C7A (not 3C7GIA as announced earlier) from **Bioko Island**, Equatorial Guinea, until March 20th. Activity will be on 80-10 meters. QSL via his home callsign or LoTW.

AS-118. Members of the Kuwait Amateur Radio Society are once again active as 9K2F from **Failaka Island** until March 15th. Activity will be on the HF bands using CW, SSB and RTTY. Operators mentioned are 9K2HN, 9K2RR, 9K2OK, 9K2NO, 9K2HR and possibly some others. QSL via 9K2HN, direct, by the Bureau, LoTW or ClubLogs OQRS.

AS-200. Operators Take/JI3DST and Fusao/JA5DUR will be active from **Shodo Island (Shikoku's Coastal Islands)** between 0700z, March 19th and 0000z, March 21st. Activity will be on 40/30/20/17/15/12/10 meters using CW, SSB, FM and RTTY. There will be four different callsigns used:

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A)8N3KCJ/5 (CW Only)     C) JA5DUR/5 (Op. Fusao)
B)8N5KCJ/5 (SSB Only)    D) JI3DST/5 (Op. Take)
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PLEASE NOTES: The special callsign 8NxKCJ is to celebrate th 40th anniversary of the "Keymen's Club of JAPAN". This operation is subject to change because of bad WX or other conditions. QSL via the following:
* **8N3KCJ and 8N5KCJ** via JO3OMA, the Bureau or direct
Log search. see: **http://pxl02521.org/kcj/log_search.php**
* **JA5DUR/5** by the Bureau or see **QRZ.com**
* **JI3DST/5** via the Bureau (preferred) or see **QRZ.com**

EU-032. Didier, F4ELJ, will be active as F4ELJ/P from **Re Island** (WLOTA 1407, DIFM AT-02) between April 9-16th. Activity will be on the HF bands. QSL via his home callsign.

EU-081. Operators Francis/ON8AZ, Pat/ON7PQ, Gert/ON7USB and Tim/ON5HC will be active as TM6U from **St. Marcouf Islands** between August 20-27th (activity was originally scheduled for May 1-7th).
Activity will be on 160-6 meters using CW, SSB and the Digital modes. QSL via ON8AZ, direct or by the Bureau. For more details and updates, visit:

http://www.eu081.be
http://www.facebook.com/eu081

NA-051. Mikhail, VE7ACN, will be active as VE7ACN/7 from **Graham Island** between March 15-22nd. Activity will be on 40/30/17/15 meters using CW and SSB. QSL via his home callsign.

NA-061. Mikhail, VE7ACN, will be active as VE7ACN/7 from **Kaien Island** between March 23-27th. Activity will be on 40/30/17/15 meters using CW and SSB. QSL via his home callsign.

NA-151. Bo, OX3LX, will be active from **Tasiilaq Island** between March 15-21st. Activity will be on all HF bands with an emphasis on the low bands (160/80/60m). However, activity will be limited. He states, "Best chance is in the morning around lunch and after dinner(local time utc+2) In the weekend also during night/morning." QSL via OZ1PIF. For more details, see:

http://geronne.dk/index.php/ox3lx/ox3lx-dxped

OC-145. By the time read you this, operators YL Sisca/YB8RXA, Din/YB8RW and Gatot/YB8SFE are expected to be active (mid-March) as homecall/p from **Maluku Island.** Length of stay is unknown. Activity will be on various HF bands using CW, SSB and the Digital modes. QSL via operator's instructions.

SA-024. Members of the Cabreúva DX Group will be active as ZV2CO from **Comprida Island** (ARLHS BRA-135, DIB SP-03, DFB SP-12) between April 15-17th. Operators mentioned are Murilo/PY2DS, William/ PU2XIZ, João Carlos/PU2KKE, Fabiano/PU2LJH, Flavio/PU2KFL and Leandro/PU2LEW. Activity will be on 80/40/20/15/10 meters using CW, SSB and the Digital modes. QSL via PY2DS, direct or by the Bureau. See **QRZ.com** for more info.

SA-061. Operators Alejandro/CE6SAX, Marcos/CE6VMO, Sergio/LU7YS, Carlos/ LU1YT,

Frank/LU7YWC, Claudio/LU7DW and Fernando/LW2DX will be active as XR6M from **Mocha Island** between November 4-11th. QSL via CE6TC.

KH1, BAKER AND HOWLAND ISLANDS

OPDX was informed that operators Hrane/YT1AD (Leader) and (Co-Leaders), Paul/N6PSE, Dave/K3LP and Aleksey/UA4HOX are planning a large expedition in the Pacific Ocean to **Baker Island (OC-089)**. The WAZ zone is 31. The expedition is planned for September/October 2017. Landing on the island requires a special permit USFW service. Permit is coming soon. The team will be composed of members from the WWDX, Interpid DXers and other interested amateurs. More information coming in May 2016.

KH2, GUAM

Members of the Guam JAPANESE DXer Club will be active as KH2KY from Guam between March 24-29th. Operators mentioned are Masa/AH6KY/JA1MFR, MASANORI/W6LJ, Aki/W3JH, Ryuji/NY8A, Hiroshi/N7JAL and Masayoshi/AE6YW. Activity will be on 80-6 meters using CW and SSB. The KY group also plans to participate in the CQWW WPX SSB Contest (March 5-6th as a Multi-? entry. QSL via JA1MFR, by the Bureau or direct. (QSL eQSL and LoTW WPX only.)

LY24, LITHUANIA (New Prefix)

Jonas, LY5A, will again activate a new prefix (never used before), LY26A, between March 11th and April 11th. Activity is to celebrate 26th anniversary of Lithuanian Independence Restoration. QSL via LY5A. QSOs good for LY prefixes trophies.

MJ, JERSEY

Kazu, JK3GAD, will be active as MJ0CFW from **Jersey (EA-013)** between March 18-20th. Look for activity in the Russian DX Contest (March 19-20th). In the contest he will sign MJ5Z. QSL via LoTW, M0CFW or via the OQRS (ClubLog).

PACIFIC TOUR (Info Needed)

Uruguayan Globe Trekker Dr. Bert, CX3AN, will be traveling along Micronesia for the first two weeks of June operating from several islands as a holiday style operation. Expedition will consist on riding the iconic United airlines Flight #154, known as “the island hoper”, which links Honolulu to Guam 3 times a week with several stop overs at Majuro (V7), Kwajalin (V7), Pohnpei (V6), Kosrae (V6), Chuuk (V6) islands, and after that Koror Island (T8). Callsigns have been granted from Palau and the Federal State of Micronesia. However, Bert states that it has been impossible after several attempts to receive a response from the Marshall authorities (1 year..no reply!). He requests [edited], "DOES ANY ONE in the DX community know of a quick way to reach via fax or E-mail the communications office of the Republic of the Marshall Island?? Any info will be appreciated." Bert's E-mail address is: **cx3zan@gmail.com**

PJ2, CURACAO

Daren, VA3EGG, will be active as PJ2/VA3EGG from **Curacao (SA-099)** between March 20th and April 3rd. Activity will be on 20-6 meters using SSB. QSL via his home callsign.

PJ6, ST. EUSTATIUS

Operators Zachary/KC9SNM and Gehl/KB9DVC will be active as PJ6E from **Saint Eustatiu**

Island (NA-145, WLOTA 1851, WWFF PAFF- 0025, WW Loc. FK87) during the CQWW WPX DX SSB Contest (March 26-27th). For activity outside of the contest, they will sign as PJ5/KC9SNM and PJ5/KB9DVC (Note: Not PJ6/homecall) with operations on 40-10 meters using CW, SSB, PSK and RTTY. QSL PJ6E and PJ5/KC9SNM via KC9SNM, LoTW, eQSL or the OQRS on ClubLog. QSL PJ5/KB9DVC via KB9DVC direct.

PROPAGATION FORECAST/REPORT (March 14-20th)

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Mar/14th BN      Mar/17th  HN     Mar/19th  AN
Mar/15th BN      Mar/18th  AN     Mar/20th  AN
Mar/16th LN
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SOLAR REFERENCE KEYS/INDEXES AND GEOMAGNETIC REFERENCE
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 NORMALITY                GEOMAG       K Values    Alpha
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AN  - Above Normal        Quiet        K=0-1       0-7
HN  - High Normal         Unsettled    K=2         8-15
LN  - Low Normal          Active       K=3         16-29
BN  - Below Normal        Minor Storm  K=4         30-49
DIS - Disturbed           Major Storm  K=5         50-99
VRY DIS - Very Disturbed  Severe Storm K=6-9       100-400
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REALTIME BAND CONDITIONS WEB SITE http://www.bandconditions.com:
The purpose of this experimental Web site is to provide 24-7-365 actual (REALTIME) band condition information to CW QRPp, QRPe and CW/SSB for Contesters interested in increasing their scores. It can also be of benefit to other Radio Amateurs to determine band conditions for Nets and casual QSO's. This information is NOT based on any software pre- dictions or any kind of satellite based readings. It is based on a new Ionospheric sounding method called "HF Ionospheric Interferometry" which operates very similarly to the PolSAR system used by NASA.

Also, checkout the VOACAP predication Web page at:

http://www.voacap.com/prediction.html

PW0, FERNANDO DE NORONHA

Ville, PY2ZEA (OH2MM, ex-PW0F), will once again be active from **Fernando de Noronha (SA-003)**, but as PW0FN between March 15-22nd. Activity will be limited as this is a service trip. Operations are usually on 40-10 meters using CW and SSB. QSL via OH2XX only.

QSL INFO AND NEWS

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QSL-INFO from DB0SDX (March 6th and March 12th)
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3C7A via LA7GIA         FR/TU5KG via F4DXW (d)   OU5U via OZ3FD
3DA0CC via UA4CC        G7Y via M0ZDZ            P4/VE8DX via LY5W
3DA0IJ via LY2IJ        HA90MRC via HA5MRC       R55RPK via UA3LMR
4K6FO via DC9RI         HB0/DL2JRM via DL2JRM    R70RAA via UA3RF
4S7BBG via OM2FY        HH2/VA3MPG via VE3NLS    RG61PP via RZ3LC
4S7GWG via DL2AWG       IB2A via I2PJA           RI1PA via UA1QV
9A708DX via 9A3JB       II1ICS via I1SAF         S01WS via EA2JG
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A9110RR via A92AA       IR2C via IK2FTB          SG0X via SM0MLZ
C31CT via EA3QS         J79XF via G3TXF          T32CO via AC8JF
CR6K via CT1ILT (d)     KP4/N6MJ via N6MJ        T88XH via JA0EKI
CR6T via CT1ESV         LO7H via LU7HW           TC35AFAD via (TA-B)
CT9/DJ6OZ via DJ6OZ     LT1F via AC7DX           TI5/LY7Z via LY9Y
DK50WEPO via DC7UL      LZ140HB via LZ2TU        V21ZG via DL7AFS
DL0FFF via DL2RPS       LZ300MSP via LZ1KCP      V55DX via DO4DXA
DR30BUT via DK7LX       OD5/IZ1CCK via IZ1BWB    YB16SUN via (YC-B)
EA8/PA0PMD via PA0PMD   OL6P via OK2WTM          YO80YR5 via YO3KAA
EG3HPI via EA3HBB       OO7P via ON4AMI          Z370CEF via Z37CEF
EH1JRA via EA1RKA       OP16HC via ON7PP         ZL2IO via DK7AO
FH/IK5ZUI via IZ8CCW    OP2A via ON5CD
  (e) eQSL only  (d) direct only   (B) Bureau only  (*-B) DX's- Bureau
  (O) OQRS only  (C) ClubLog only  (L) LoTW only
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LOGS ON THE COMPUTER NOW! OPDX has been informed that Markku, OH8SR, has put all his logs for TU4SR, TU4FF, XT2MM, OH0/OH7MM and OH8SR on the computer and confirms his QSOs much easier now.

WINQSL. Manfred, DF6EX, informs, "The WINQSL-manager-database (on the market since 1987 with around 100000 QSL-manager-information which are updated monthly), is freeware since January 2016. The program works with Windows Xp up to Windows 10 and can be downloaded at:

http://www.winqsl.com

Also the monthly updates are free of charge and can be downloaded directly within WINQSL. Since years the WINQSL-database is also included on the callbook-CD rom as well on **QRZ.com**.
Enjoy WINQSL -- 73, Manfred DF6EX"

QSLS RECEIVED VIA LoTW: 3XY1T (AF-051), DL5WG, DK6IM, EA8TL, G5D, LA2JKA, LA9VDA (EU-079), R3BT, S52OW, TI5/KL9A, TK5EP, TZ4AM and YV5MM

QSLS RECEIVED VIA MAIL: C6ATS (NA-219), JT1CO, **K5P (OC-085)**, K5P, **S79C (AF-119)**, TI5/KL9A and YJ0BJ

QSLS RECEIVED VIA THE BUREAU: BA7IO, BD3MV, BD4TS, BD6IF, BD6RN, BG2AUE, BG4ACE, BG8IL, BH4QYX, BY2AA/2, HL2ST, HL4CDQ, HL4CKT, HL4RBR, HL5BLM, HL5BM, HL5FXP, LU8DY, LW6DJ, PY2EYE, PY2MR, PY2PT, PY2PTU, PY2QM, SV5/DL2JRM, SV8/DK7DX, V84YL, YO2013EYOWF, YP13S, YR80KEDR and ZM2IO

S9, SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE (Update OPDX.1255)

Bruno, HB9BEI, who is now active as S9BK from **Sao Tome (AF-023)**, announced that he has canceled his trip to Principe (AF-044) and will now only be active on Sao Tome until March 24th. QSL via his home callsign, direct or by the Bureau.

T8, PALAU

Yousuke, JJ1DQR, will be active as T88QR from **Koror Island (OC-009)** between May 13-15th. Activity will be holiday style on 40-6 meters using SSB. QSL via his home callsign. direct or by the Bureau. No eQSL and No LoTW.

V2, ANTIGUA

Operators YL Babs/DL7AFS and Lot/DJ7ZG are once again active as V21ZG from **Antigua (NA-100)** until March 22nd. Activity will be holiday style on 80-6 meters using SSB, RTTY, SSTV and PSK. QSL via DL7AFS, direct by the Bureau or LoTW. Log will be uploaded to ClubLog. Watch their Web page for updates at:

http://www.qsl.net/dl7afs

V6 & V7, MICRONESIA AND MARSHALL ISLANDS

Operators Keith/GM4YXI (GM5X) and Chris/GM3WOJ (GM2V) will once again be active as V6Z from Blue Lagoon Resort on **Chuuk Island (OC-011)**, Micronesia, and also possibly as V7* (callsign pending) from Kwajalein (OC-028) during the period of October 14-30th. Activity will also include a V6Z Multi-2 entry in the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 29-30th) from Chuuk Island. Look for more details and a Web site to be forthcoming.

VK0EK HEARD ISLAND DXPEDITION NEWS

The VK0EK team is now on their way to Heard Island. The team left Cape Town on March 10th onboard the famous "Braveheart" which was recently used by the VP8STI/VP8SGI team earlier this year. The voyage to Heard Island will be about 10 days. The operators are currently active as ZL/ZS9HI/MM from Braveheart. Activity has been mainly on CW on 30/15/10 meters. Several press releases were sent out and posted on their Web page over past week detailing the VK0EK team's preparations for Heard Island. This includes many pictures being posted.

All press releases can be views at: **http://vk0ek.org**

The dates and titles of the press releases are as follows:
March 5th: Cape Town Preparations: Meet the Braveheart!
March 6th: Preparing the HDT Airbeam Tents
March 7th: How to Get in the VK0EK Log (Pt. 7) - How to Handle DQRM
March 7th: How Clean is Clean?
March 8th: VK0EK Passes Inspection!
March 9th: DASH! Gets Ready for the VK0EK Adventure!
March 9th: VK0EK and Some Very Cool Science! March 9th: Loading the Braveheart March 10th: Getting Ready to Leave March 10th: The Braveheart is Leaving Cape Town Right Now!
March 10th: Huge Thanks to Paul, ZS1S and All ZS Hams!
March 10th: ZL/ZS9HI/MM on the Air
March 11th: Geography and Weather on the Way to Heard Island
March 11th: Band Plan and Other Odds and Ends
March 12th: DO4DXA Posts Audio of VK0EK 15M CW
March 12th: “Gentle Swells as We Track 2 Days Out of Cape Town” . . .
March 13th: ZS6BMN Reports WSPR from ZS9HI!

VK9C, COCOS (KEELING) ISLANDS (Update/Reminder)

Operators Lars/LB2TB, Morten/LB8DC, Bjorn/LB1GB and John/LA7GNA will be active as VK9CK from **West Island (OC-003), Cocos (Keeling) Island** between March 14-26th. Activity will be on 160-10 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. The focus will be 160/80 meters. QSL via their OQRS on ClubLog (preferred) or via their QSL Manager LA6OP, direct or by the

Bureau. Log will be uploaded to the LoTW as soon as possible after the DXpedition. For more details and updates, see:

http://dipperdx.com/cocos2016

ADDED NOTE: Bjørn, LB1GB, who is part of the VK9CK VK9CK DXpedition, states he will be active as VK9/LB1GB during the Russian DX Contest (March 19-20th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/Mode-CW/Low-Power entry. QSL via LA9VDA.

WP2, U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS

Fred, K9VV, will be active as WP2Z from the Island Villa Contest Club superstation on **St. Croix (NA-106)** during the CQWW WPX CW Contest (May 28-29th) as a Single-Op/All-Band entry. QSL via KU9C.

YJ, VANUATU

Christian, HB9LCA, will be active as YJ0CS from Vanuatu between May 1-27th. He plans to operate from different locations/islands. Activity will be holiday style on the HF bands using CW (mostly), SSB and JT65. His radio is a FT-857 transceiver. Antennas will be a dipole, vertical and loop antenna. QSL via his home callsign.

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